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WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 15, 1917. Sensational Rise of Kerensky, the Savior of Russia

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WEEK before the Russian revolution Alexander Kerensky was scarcely known outside of the immediate circles of arrived in Petrograd, bot on the heels of the historic happenings that overtongue and, before a month had passed, he was part of Russia's prayers. Here when he came into his great prominence-who in a single week assumed the role of nation savior and made himself the Lloyd George of his coun-

sensational. The man's achievement makes him the one distinct and outstanding personality of that whole crowded epoch that changed the face of Russia.

mense part he was playing in the ema of Russian liberation. He had rally seclimated himself to the minustice. The appointment was for 10 relock in the morning, and I arrived

The crowd in the antercom indicated that I was at a tribune of the people. because the throng that filled nearly all the available space represented the democracy of the hour. Generals emblazoned with orders rubbed shoulders with unwashed privates. You saw mer-

with unwashed privates. You saw merchant and washerwoman, priest and atheist, uplifter and radical, all part of the procession that had come to the cabinet of a father confessor.

Sharply at 10 o'clock the door opened; a pale face peered out, bowed, smiled and then withdrew. Kerensky was sizing up his audience. An attendant then appeared and escorted ten private soldiers into the inner chamber. After an interval of ten minutes they emerged and went their way. My time had aran interval of ten minutes they emerged and went their way. My time had arrived, because an officer—one of twd, were in constant attendance upon the minister, for he is the only member of the government who had armed guard—appeared and asked me to step inside, I followed him and found myself in a small, bare room. There was not a picture on the walls. But the moment I entered I felt that the place was vibrant with a definite presence. That



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a member of the duma, his real interest and association, born of every bond of birth and conviction, was with the extremists.

When his one-time associates, now enthroned in the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, accused him of dis-

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aquiver with curiosity as to the policy of the socialist warrior. He lost no time in making his creed known. A congress of peasants had just convened in Petrograd. These were his own people and to them he made his first declaration of the new principles and with all the fire and passion at his

command.
"Soldiers, sailors and officers," he said. "I call upon you to make a last heroic effort. I am your servant. Help me to show the world that the Rusme to show the world that the Russian army is not a demolished temple, but that it is strong and formidable, capable of making itself respected and of defending the free republic of democratic Russia. It may appear strange that a civilian, who was never a soldier, has undertaken the heavy task of restoring discipline in the army, but I have accepted it because I understand that this discipline is based on honor, duty and reciprocal respect

respect.
"I have never known what this dis-"I have never known what this discipline is, but nevertheless I propose
to introduce an iron discipline into the
army, and I am sure I shall succeed.
This discipline is necessary, not only
at the front, but also in the interior
of the country, in order to bring the
liberty which has been conquered into
the constituent assembly.
"I amshortly going to the front. Allow me, therefore, to say in the
trenches that the Russian peasants are
to have the land which belongs to them

to have the land which belongs to them and that no force shall take it from them, but also allow me to say that in order to achieve this object every one shall do his duty toward the war in a spirit of self-sacrifice."

Petrograd was still ringing with the cheers that followed this outburst when Kerensky issued his famous first order of the day to the Russian army It rang with the clarion call to duty and action. The order was as follows:

"The country is in danger and each one must do what he can to avert it. No request to be allowed to resign made in the desire to escape responsibility at a time so grave as the present will be accepted by me. Deserters are enjoined to return to the army and fleet at once. All infractions of these instructions will be severely punished."

But Kerensky did more than issue

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